



BIOGRAPHY

UNITED STATES NAVY

LIEUTENANT SUSAN M. MCGARVEY

Lieutenant Susan M. McGarvey is a Department of Defense (DoD) Office of Military Commissions Judge Advocate spokesperson. She is responsible for briefing national and international media on all legal matters relating to Military Commissions, as well as educating the public on the Military Commission process. She is also responsible for advising the Legal Advisor to the Appointing Authority on legal issues and the media.

LT McGarvey attended the State University of New York at Buffalo, where she earned her BA in Philosophy, Magna Cum Laude in 1995. After graduating, she attended Notre Dame Law School in South Bend, Indiana. LT McGarvey studied abroad during her second year at the University's London Law Program, and was selected to participate in a moot court competition argued at the International Courts of Justice, London, U.K. Upon her return to Notre Dame, she participated in the Legal Aid Clinic and was an editor on the school's *Journal of Legislation*. She is a member of the Washington State bar.

LT McGarvey was commissioned as an Ensign in the Navy in the fall of 1998 and was assigned to the Naval Legal Service Office Great Lakes Detachment as a legal assistance attorney in April of 1999. In 2000, LT McGarvey was selected to go to the Roosevelt Roads Staff Judge Advocate (SJA) office, Puerto Rico, to assist during negotiations on Vieques bombing range issues. Upon her return, LT McGarvey was assigned to the Trial Service Office in Naples, Italy.

While in Naples, LT McGarvey served as both a command services attorney and a prosecutor. She traveled to Germany, Sardinia, and Sigonella for courts-martial, as well as served as the temporary SJA Bahrain for two weeks. Nearing the end of her tour in Naples, the Lieutenant deployed to Kosovo to work in the NATO Head Quarters during Operation Joint Guardian. There she worked in a myriad of areas, including war crimes prosecution and operational law.

In the summer of 2002, LT McGarvey was assigned to the Naval Legal Service Office Southwest, in San Diego, California. She initially was assigned to the Claims Department, where she was responsible for adjudications cognizable under the Federal Tort Claims Act and was Assistant Department Head. The following winter, she was selected as a defense counsel and soon became the Assistant Department Head, managing all administrative matters for one of the Navy's largest legal departments, as well as a full case load. She became the Senior Defense Counsel at the beginning of 2004, and was responsible for supervising eight defense counsel. She began her current position in February of 2004.

LT McGarvey is entitled to wear the Joint Service Achievement Medal, the Navy Achievement Medal (gold stars in lieu of fourth award), the National Defense Service Ribbon, the Kosovo Campaign Medal with bronze star, the Overseas Service Ribbon with bronze star, the NATO Medal (Kosovo), and the Pistol Ribbon.